

**SENATE BILL NO. 142**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR SHOWER**

**Introduced: 5/19/21**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to the sovereignty of state elections."**

2   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3    \* **Section 1.** AS 15.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           **Sec. 15.80.001. Sovereignty of state elections.** (a) Notwithstanding any other  
5           provision of law, if the federal government enacts a measure that significantly affects  
6           a rule, practice, or procedure or that requires the state to register voters or conduct its  
7           elections in a manner that the director determines is inconsistent with a provision of or  
8           regulation adopted under AS 15, the division shall

9                       (1) stop administering elections for electors of the President and Vice  
10           President of the United States and for members of the United States Congress; and

11                      (2) continue to conduct all other elections for which the division is  
12           responsible in accordance with state law.

13                      (b) If the division stops administering elections for federal offices under (a) of  
14           this section,

15                      (1) an agency, employee, or agent of the state or a municipality may

1 not expend funds to adopt or enforce the implementation of the federal measure that  
2 the director has determined is inconsistent with a provision of or regulation adopted  
3 under AS 15; and

4 (2) the federal government may administer its own elections for federal  
5 offices in the state.